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## COUNCIL MEETING

At the Council meeting on Monday night permission was given to S. B. Mitchell to erect telephone poles from his residence to the station.

It was resolved to communicate with Superintendent Wilson in regard to using the barracks as a temporary jail in which to place miscreants.

Considerable discussion took place in relation to bars being kept open on Sunday and as a result the Police Committee were authorized to look into the matter and see that the law was enforced.

A by-law to ensure uniformity in the width of streets and lanes was passed, the provisions of which made it necessary for every street to be at least six feet in width except where special permission to the contrary is given by the Council. The distance between parallel streets or streets having the same general direction shall not exceed five hundred feet. Where the parcel to be subdivided adjoins property that has been previously subdivided at least every other street shall be produced through in the new survey, provided, however, that where the parcel of land to be subdivided lies between two parcels previously subdivided, this provision shall be so modified that a sufficient number of streets in either or both of the adjoining subdivision shall be produced through in the new survey, and the Council shall determine what streets in either or both of the previous subdivisions shall be so produced.

## The New Courts

NEW JUDICATURE ACT COMES INTO FORCE.

On the 16th of September the new Judicature Act came into force in this Province. The Supreme Court of the North West Territories is a thing of the past, and is succeeded by the Supreme Court of Alberta and the District Courts of Alberta. The Judges for the Supreme Court are Chief Justice Sifton, Hon. Justices Scott, Harvey and Stuart. The Justices of the District Courts have not yet been appointed. Each Judicial District, however, will have its resident Judges who will hold regular sessions at the head-quarters of the Judicial District. The Supreme Court will hold its first session at Edmonton this month and will sit at regular intervals at Calgary and Edmonton alternately.



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## The West a Great Country

AN EASTERN BUSINESS MAN WELL PLEASED WITH ALBERTA'S POSSIBILITIES.

(Calgary Herald.)

"If I had my life to live over again, I would come west and make my home with you. It is as yet only in its infancy but is already a wonderful country."

The above statement was made to a Herald representative by W. J. McFarland, a broker of Toronto, and one of the best known business men in eastern Canada.

Mr. McFarland, who is visiting western Canada for the first time, is most enthusiastic regarding the future of Alberta, the southern district in particular.

In company with Ex-Mayor Morden, of Hamilton, he arrived in the city Saturday from Vancouver, coming by way of the Crow's Nest line. While in Pincher he bought an option on 20,000 acres of wheat lands in that district and on his return to Toronto will advise his friends to do likewise.

A GREAT REVELATION.

"This visit has been a great revelation to me," he said. "Your immense wheat fields, splendid crops, live, up-to-date towns and cities, are more than I expected to find. Of course I knew the two new provinces were growing and rapidly filling up, but as I said before, what I have seen and found is indeed a revelation to me."

"You western people are not treating the east fairly though. You are taking our best farmers and business men away from us. They will not stay at home. And the trouble is, when I return I cannot conscientiously advise them to do so. Land in Alberta at \$25 per acre, if it is near a market centre, where shipping facilities are at hand, will almost pay for itself in one season, so how can you keep progressive people away from such a country?"

EVERYONE AN OPTIMIST.

"I notice that every person you meet is a pronounced optimist and full of faith in the future of Alberta. This is as it should be, because a pessimist has no place in a country, favored as are the prairie provinces. The greatest monetary stringency is being felt just as hard in the manufacturing east as in the farming west, but conditions will soon right themselves again when they do the general prosperity of Canada will be more pronounced than ever."

"Was very greatly impressed with the prosperity of British Columbia. That is a big province and some day will be thickly populated, and then Alberta will have to feed it. I understand that you are doing that to a great extent now but the time is near at hand when the trade of the neighboring provinces will be much larger than it is now."

"I am glad I came west," said Mr. McFarland in conclusion. "The immensity of this vast west makes a bigger man of one, and I would not have missed the trip for anything."

## Basket Social

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN BY THE LADIES OF ST. THEODORE.

The basket social last night under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Theodore Church was pronounced a decided success. The program was

## Borden in Lethbridge

OUTLINES HIS POLICY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE.

R. L. Borden, the Conservative Leader, arrived in Lethbridge on Wednesday morning and addressed a large crowd on the Public Square in the afternoon. He pointed out the requisites of good government, emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every man and woman to see that the government was worthy of the people of the country. He said there were three essentials to good government: honesty in collecting and spending the public money; decent appointments to public office, and conformity to the will of the people. He charged the government with violation of these essentials and proceeded to say that the policy of the Conservatives was to give to Alberta and Saskatchewan the ownership and management of their lands, to extend the government railway system to the Pacific Coast, to have government ownership and operation of telegraphs and telephones and to have thorough and far-reaching control over all public utilities, and that the question of oriental immigration should be decided according to the will of the people of Western Canada so that it should forever be inhabited and dominated by white men.

Mr. Rogers acted as chairman of the meeting. The other speakers were Mr. Bergeron of Quebec and J. P. Heron, M. P.

## Purple Springs

Purple Springs has a boom in the way of railroad improvements, three gangs of men being located for that purpose.

Master McLean and others were over to the river fishing and ran across a nest of twenty-three rattlesnakes, one of which had eleven rattlers.

Settlers are still flocking into this neighborhood and some are building their first residences.

Mr. Ned McLean has made large improvements to his home.

Mr. R. A. Lyons has gone to Lethbridge to the hospital his condition being very critical indeed. His brother, Mr. T. E. Lyons, arrived Tuesday night from Broadview, Sask. to see him.

The Galatian railroad men here have been in a sudden flood for a few days about their time sheet. I think they may whip into line without serious trouble.

Mr. Johnson, postmaster at Taber, paid our hamlet a visit a few days ago. Your scribe was rejoiced to see him. Come again brother J.

opened by Miss Loomis with an instrumental solo, after which vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. J. C. Hobbs and Mr. A. P. Vande. Miss Abbott and Mrs. Cosper gave recitations which were much appreciated.

Then for a period of over an hour the ladies tried hard to suppress their excitement and to appear unconcerned while the gentlemen vied with each other to obtain the handsome baskets prepared by their lady friends. The rivalry was keen and if we lived in the age of chivalry, there might have been some early duels this morning. As it was, some poor fellows were even "hoiced" this morning and had to say: did not even receive the compensation of sharing the coveted basket with the favorite, so carefully were the names of the pair partners concealed.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 1907

### Notes and Comments

A movement is on foot among our local merchants to introduce the cash system into their business. No doubt this will result in benefit to merchant and customer alike and the present is an opportune time for taking such a step. To pay as one goes means no bad debts, reduced expenses in book keeping and cheaper goods to the consumer.

Many men laugh in the face of our laws who quake in their shoes when confronted by antagonistic public opinion. Judging by the comments made to the Free Press, public opinion is becoming rather strong against certain individuals in our Town who flout their vices in the face of our citizens and otherwise outrage public sentiment and display a boldness equal to the offensive nature of their actions.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of clean commercial and political life," writes an Eastern Editor. It is the duty of the Press as well as the Pulpit to see that this vigilance is sustained, and that the clouds that have hung thick and heavy in our Canadian sky in the days of its prosperity should be cleared away. We have read stories of bold combinations, apparently instituted only for the purpose of extortion; of betrayal of financial

trust; of corruption in politics and shamelessness in almost every walk of life, until it seemed that the public conscience had been lulled to sleep. But it is not so. The attitude of the press is becoming more and more pronounced, denouncing in no uncertain tones political and financial iniquity, speaking out the plain unvarnished truth, and deepening the conviction that the interests of truth and honesty are higher than those of party or corporation.

### One of Taber's Greatest Needs

A few months ago a movement was on foot to establish a hospital for the town, but for one reason or another nothing over materialized and Taber is still without a place where a homeless sick or injured man may be taken in an emergency, made comfortable and properly cared for.

Of course we are aware of the fact that a hospital cannot be built for nothing. It takes money, and MONEY IS SCARCE. Perhaps we are waiting for some tender hearted philanthropist to appear, who, wishing to immortalize his name and perpetuate his fame, will build us a hospital. Perhaps he will come, and perhaps he will not; at any rate do we need to wait for him? Are our citizens not enterprising enough to build such an institution upon their own initiative? Surely sufficient interest can be aroused in the hearts of our people to make them go down to their pockets and contribute liberally to a scheme, the grandeur of which will more than commensurate with any sacrifice which its promoters may incur.

### Taber Crops

One has only to drive a short distance out of town to see that the Taber district is fast becoming the best wheat raising section in the Canadian West. The grain received no damage from the recent storm and the farmers are jubilant over the result of the season's work.

### The Japanese Problem

There are many conflicting views existing in Canada in regard to Japanese and other Asiatic emigration. Mr. Hays of the Grand Trunk Railway, for example, is of the opinion that the country needs labor, that there is plenty of work for the laboring classes, and that the Japanese who come to Canada are finding employment, which shows that they are meeting a real need. On the other hand the Trades and Labor Congress meeting recently in Winnipeg, demanded the rescission of the treaty with Japan as far as Canada is concerned; in order that the Japanese might not have permission to enter and reside within her territories.

Thus the Capitalists represented by Mr. Hays, and the laboring man represented by the Labor Congress take opposite and distinct views of the problem. But each side is apparently looking at the problem from the standpoint of its own individual interests. The problem considered in all its extent and gravity is wider than the interests of either capitalist or laborer alone. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier points out, the treaty with Japan has been and is of advantage to Canada in increasing our trade with that country and hasty action might be disastrous. Would it not be more advisable to acquire carefully into the causes of this extraordinary influx and then perhaps it would be possible to find some safe and plausible course of action. Of course we realize that to a large extent at least, the influx of the orientals is in response to the increasing demand for labor and that is being and has been imported in a wholesale way under contract. But at the same time, if Japan herself places restrictions upon the importation of foreign labor to

### CHURCH NOTICES

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a. m., every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p. m. Sunday evening service at 8 p. m.

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association every Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p. m.

Knox church—Sunday school and Bible class 11 a. m. Evening service 7:30. Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting, 8 p. m.

St. Theodore Church—These services at the English Church until further notice will be as follows: Sunday school at 3 p. m., every Sunday. Evening service at 7:30.

Baptist Service—A Baptist service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. All welcome.

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SYNOPSIS OF

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of five dollars, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the marketable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lease of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district Agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year. The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORRY Secretary of the Interior.

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her shores, surely some arrangement could be made in an amicable manner whereby such an extraordinary influx of Japanese could be restricted without making it appear that our Government was making an invidious distinction between them and other nationalities.

### Pound By-law

Notice is hereby given that the Pound By-law No. 3 for the Town of Taber will be enforced on and after the 7th day of October, 1907. All parties owning and having any animals running at large within the Town of Taber please take notice.

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## Hustling Zebediah.

By LUCY STEWART.

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"Jesse Strong, I'm not going to stand this thing another day!"

"Shoo, ma; how you talk!"

"And you've got to help me."

The cows had been milked, the logs fed, and Jesse Strong, farmer, had taken his seat beside his wife on the veranda. He didn't ask what it was she would not stand, for the matter had been the subject of numerous conversations before. He had always assumed a neutral position and argued that things would come all right if left alone, but now he realized that a crisis had arrived.

"If she had a mother it would be better," continued the good wife as she folded away the mosquitoes with a faded paper, "but she hasn't one. She's only got a father, and he's the biggest old polio in six counties. Just the last thing Melvina Williams said to me on her dying bed was to be a mother to Emeline, and now I'm going to be a mother to her. I'm going to call her over here tomorrow for a talk, and I'm going to have a talk with Zebediah. I'll be right, and you can't make it right."

"It ails make things worse to mix in," answered her husband after a minute.

"It might if Emeline had a mother, but she hasn't got. I've let it go on and on, thinking maybe I had better say nothing, but I shall let it go on another day. I may want you to help me. If I do, you've got to pitch right."

Across the highway from Farmer Strong's was the farmhouse of Farmer Williams. The two families had been neighbors for fifteen years. Farmer Williams was a good man, but it was also true that he was a "poke." That is, he worked from morning till night, and then after reading books and paper for half an hour he would up and go to bed. When his wife died, she left a daughter Emeline, eighteen years old, and she was ten years before the opening of this story. Just about that time Zebediah Henderson had been taken on as a hired man. Zebediah was twenty-three years old and well thought of, but he was slow and conservative by nature.

Some twelve years had fallen in love with Emeline inside of a week. For she was a bright, attractive country maiden, but Zebediah waited three months. It came on him to marry on both sides, and three months later he proposed and was accepted. It stopped short at that, so far as Zebediah was concerned. He meant to wait some day, but that day was indefinite. Farmer Williams came to know of the engagement, but he had no opinion to express. He went on with his plowing and eating-hulled dinners and left matters to fate.

It was this state of affairs that had provoked the indignation of Mrs. Strong. She didn't think it right on the part of Zebediah to keep Emeline "on the hook," as it were. She expressed it. While all other young men were driven away by knowledge of the engagement, Zebediah continued to "poke around" as if he had no intention of getting married in. On one or two occasions, when he had come over to borrow a hoe or sit on the veranda and discuss crops with her husband, she opened over her mind pretty plainly. She had hinted that the knew of farmers' sons who were looking about for wives and that there were more windmill and wire fence men coming along than she could shake a stick at, but Zebediah was unmoved. She had made Emeline own up to the engagement, and she had advised her not to make a long engagement of it, but when the girl blushing and shyly said she could do Mrs. Strong had no plan at hand and didn't know where she was to get one.

Fortune favors the conspirator as well as the brave. Two or three days after her talk with her husband on the veranda Mrs. Strong's brother came on a visit from Illinois. He was a jovial, hustling young man. If he hadn't had a sweetheart back home he would have fallen in love with Emeline Williams. It was while he was praising her that Mrs. Strong got her plan. It was as simple as sliding down a cellar door. She crept and crawled over it for half an hour and was still crawling and giggling when the girl from across the road came over to borrow a drag of tea. Mrs. Strong's brother saw the tea and then motioned her pretty neighbor to take a chair and begin:

"Emeline Williams, you have no mother."

"No."

"Your mother asked me to be a mother to you after she was gone."

"I know it, and it's a dreadful thing for a girl to be in love and have no mother and an old poke of a father and I can't stand it any longer. I've got to be your mother and advise with you."

"But father is kind and good, and Zebediah is—"

"Zebediah is what? Been engaged for a year and a half, and he hasn't asked you to set the day yet. He may get another year and a half. He may go five years. You can't tell anything about such a critter. He'll keep poking along till he's had a little more of the roof of a barn. I'm going to talk to you just as if you were my daughter. Something's got to be done."

"I can't do anything," answered the girl as she turned her face away to hide the color.

"But you can, and you're going to. Where you need a mother, that's

where a mother's plans come in. If I had five daughters I'd bet I'd marry the last one of 'em off in no time. Now, Emeline Williams, stop twiddling your thumbs and blushing and hitching around and listen to me."

And inside of five minutes she had developed her plan and guaranteed its successful working. There were objections, but she silenced them. There were protestations, but she silenced them. Half an hour after the first barn had been taken home with her tea, Mrs. Strong's brother, and entered upon the heartiest manner. He had been introduced to the Williams household, and following out the plan, he crossed the road and spent four hours talking to Emeline on the veranda. Zebediah saw them from the porch. During the first hour he was easy in his mind. During the second he wondered a bit. Before the third was ended he was feeling the gnawing pang. He came up to supper sullen and morose, and now and then during the evening he flung out something about "that spirit from Illinois."

Bert came the next day and the next. He also came in the evening. He was most ignored by Zebediah, while he made every effort to entertain Emeline. He even aroused her father from his wonted lethargy. Zebediah wanted to go to kicking, but fear of the law restrained him. He wanted to talk to the girl and tell her what was what, but pride forbade. He was miserable. There seemed nothing for him to do. He lay in his bed one night thinking things over and gritting his teeth and wondering why girls made fools of themselves. When Farmer Strong roused him up and told him he'd better go to the barn and see if the horses were all right. Farmer Strong thought he had seen some prowling around. A trip to the barn showed that the gray horse and top were all right. When the Williams household was alarmed, the discovery was made that Miss Emeline was not in her room. Her father had been overhauled, and she had evidently fled. The discovery was not a minute old when Mrs. Strong came over to report that her little girl had been overhauled, and she had evidently fled.

"By gum, but it's an elopement!" exclaimed Zebediah as he made for the barn. "It's an elopement, and I'll follow him to Illinois if I have to follow him to Africa!"

There was another horse in the barn, and, waiting only long enough to slip on his britches, he mounted and was off for the nearest village. As he went clattering through the midnight darkness, he was thinking to himself that he was a murderer ten times over. He did not have to go to the village. Three miles from home he met a boy driving the old gray horse and top. He had been paid half a dollar by the "squire" to do so after the young man had taken the train. The boy was positive that there was no one in the neighborhood, and he was going to the gallop for home, and the farmhouse was reached about half past one. Zebediah was waiting for him. He was going home, but he didn't want to let her into his confidence. Zebediah heard her out and then clucked into the buggy.

"Where are you going?" asked the farmer.

"After Jim Smith, the Justice."

"What for?"

"There's going to be a wedding here in less'n an hour."

And there was, and though the groom was groggy, he was a good deal over it and acknowledged that he was glad of it—that is, he was glad he had married five or six years sooner than he had intended to. Zebediah "squire" ever returned to that neighborhood, but him look out for a broken neck.

Hats in Olden Days.

The felt hat is as old as Homer. The Greeks wore it in skullcaps, conical, truncated, narrow or broad brims. The Phrygian bonnet was an elevated cap without a brim, the apex turned over. It is known as the cap of liberty. An ancient figure of Liberty in the times of Antiochus Livius, A. D. 115, holds the cap in her right hand. The Phrygian wore soft caps. Plumed hats were the head-dresses of the Syrian corps of Xerxes. The broad brim was worn by the "Caledonian" king. Capt. George Leaver. The Arminian cap wore a plug hat. The merchants of the fourteenth century wore a Planders beaver. Charles VII. in 1493 wore a felt hat lined with red and plumed. The English men and women in 1510 wore close crown orkament hats. Two centuries ago hats were worn in the house. Pepys in his diary wrote, "September, 1694, got a severe cold because he took off his hat at dinner," and again in January, 1695, he got another cold by sitting too long with his head bare to show his wife's maid to comb his hair and wash his ears. Lord is mentioned in his essay, speaking of the decency of respect due the aged, says that in his younger days he never kept his hat on his head, but older than himself except at dinner.

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## FORECAST OF FASHION.

Vogue of Bordered Materials—Hat-plain Ornamental and Useful.

Bordered materials are shown in some of the lightest and simplest fashions. When the border is wide and the design elaborate, the plain material is the best model of fit, but the narrow borders are frequently cut off and used as bandings, bringing about many original and charming effects. The useful hatpin has come to be used largely as an ornament. Elastic supplies its place in hats which are likely to be harmed by constant pinning. The pin heads are more ornamental.



GREEN AND WHITE POINTED GOWN—5000, 5033.

Gray ponceo petticoats are a good investment, as they wear like iron, wash beautifully and are light as a feather. A petticoat of ribbon is a novelty. Pompadour ribbon was used in one seen recently. The skirt is in alternate stripes of ribbon and lace insertion.

Many women who think their skirt waist isn't neatly made pay too little attention to the skirt. The skirt is the most important part of the dress. Unless it is finished neatly the waist looks lovely.

Illustrated is a dainty model for a pointed gown, white silk, with green tulle. The bodice is trimmed with tulle overlaid with applique of cream lace, and the chemise is of flax net.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

## WHAT IS WORN.

Princess Style Smart For Lingerie.

French-Cretonne Mock Caps.

The majority of the handsomest lingerie frocks are made in princess style. Eyelet work is conspicuous in their trimmings. Among the most popular of these frocks is the French cretonne. She had never dreamed of it. In love with the young man from the west? She couldn't say she even liked it.

At this point Mrs. Strong came into the discussion to say that her brother was very erratic and sometimes did odd things. She meant to marry some day, but that day was indefinite. Farmer Williams came to know of the engagement, but he had no opinion to express. He went on with his plowing and eating-hulled dinners and left matters to fate.

It was this state of affairs that had provoked the indignation of Mrs. Strong. She didn't think it right on the part of Zebediah to keep Emeline "on the hook," as it were. She expressed it. While all other young men were driven away by knowledge of the engagement, Zebediah continued to "poke around" as if he had no intention of getting married in. On one or two occasions, when he had come over to borrow a hoe or sit on the veranda and discuss crops with her husband, she opened over her mind pretty plainly. She had hinted that the knew of farmers' sons who were looking about for wives and that there were more windmill and wire fence men coming along than she could shake a stick at, but Zebediah was unmoved. She had made Emeline own up to the engagement, and she had advised her not to make a long engagement of it, but when the girl blushing and shyly said she could do Mrs. Strong had no plan at hand and didn't know where she was to get one.

Fortune favors the conspirator as well as the brave. Two or three days after her talk with her husband on the veranda Mrs. Strong's brother came on a visit from Illinois. He was a jovial, hustling young man. If he hadn't had a sweetheart back home he would have fallen in love with Emeline Williams. It was while he was praising her that Mrs. Strong got her plan. It was as simple as sliding down a cellar door. She crept and crawled over it for half an hour and was still crawling and giggling when the girl from across the road came over to borrow a drag of tea. Mrs. Strong's brother saw the tea and then motioned her pretty neighbor to take a chair and begin:

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## BABY, BOOTS.

Pretty Little Knitted Affairs For Their Feet.

Materials required, half pound of white and half ounce of pink Andalusian wool, steel needles No. 15.

The little shoe part is knitted first with the pink wool. Cast on forty stitches and knit thirty plain rows. Cast off thirty stitches and knit twenty stitches from the toe and connect twelve rows, alternately purl and knit. This forms the top of the foot. Break off the wool and begin at the heel part of

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shoe and knit up twenty of the stitches. Cast on, knit the ten off the heel and twenty from the second side of foot beginning on the eleventh row, making forty-eight stitches on the heel and twenty from the rest of the foot and begin the queuework pattern for the leg thus:

First Row—Knit one, \* wool forward, knit two together, repeat from \* until only one stitch remains on the needle, which is knitted.

Second Row—Purl.

Repeat these two rows eleven times, finish the top of shoe by working ten rows, in ribs of two plain, two purl.

To make up the shoe join down the back of leg and on either side of top of foot run a thread of wool into every row of toe part and draw tightly to gather to bring it into shape. Join at the bottom of foot and slightly contract the heel, says Woman's Life.

With pink wool work a strap a sufficient length to go around the instep in six stitches, always slipping the first stitch in every row; make a loop at one end for buttonhole, and sew a small pearl button on the other and join to the back of heel and button round the instep.

Warning to the Washwomen.

Warning to incompetent washwomen was conveyed by the laundry edition recently held in London. Women who are not competent to wash and order clothes now have the comforting assurance that "it will all come out in the wash. Many washwomen are so stupid to prove that this is not an age to be stamped by a mere servant problem."

"The laundry maid who is not competent to wash and order clothes is of little value in the world of wash-tubs," said one commentator. "The education of the laundress has been neglected, but it is found in the kitchen and, further, into the region of set tubs. To be a 'good washwoman' in other days was only necessary to wash and iron. During the





